



ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

At St George's, God calls us by name to love,
learn and achieve together, safe in the palm of His hands.

'I have called you by your name; you are mine' Isaiah 43

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Dear Parents,

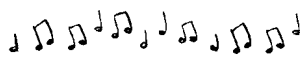
December

Mon 18 th	NON UNIFORM DAY for winning House Team Toy Sale during the afternoon
Tue 19 th	CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
Wed 20 th	Last Day of Term WHOLE SCHOOL MASS in the school hall at 2pm ~ Everyone is welcome

The Christmas Story



This week, our infant children were involved in retelling the story of the Nativity. St Francis class welcomed parents, relatives and friends to their 'Humph the Camel' and St Therese and St Elizabeth class performed 'A Midwife Crisis' to all their family members, raising the roof with their singing. All of the infant children were word perfect and demonstrated unbelievable confidence and joy whilst performing.



Then on Wednesday evening, the junior children played their part in celebrating the birth of Jesus, performing a selection of carols and readings at St George's Church. Our children left us all with broad smiles and with the excitement of the Christmas story.

Thank you to the amazing staff for preparing the children so well for these performances and all of the children for being superstars.

Finally, a big thank you to our wonderful community ~ parents, relatives and friends who have supported the children so well. You came in huge numbers to watch the performances, sharing the true meaning of Christmas with us. As you know we have a Christmas collection for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. Your donations totaled £600.64 - an amazing amount.

On behalf of the charity, I thank you for your generosity.

Evening Echo

On Monday, Reception class and KS1 had their photos taken by the Evening Echo. They will appear in a special Nativity supplement on Tuesday 19th.

Congratulations!

Staying on the theme of Nativity, I am very pleased to share the fabulous news that Mrs Cracknell's baby son, Henry George, arrived on Sunday. Mum and baby are doing very well. We look forward to meeting Henry in the new year.



End of Term Mass

There are still a few tickets left for our end of term Mass. The tickets will be on a first come basis and can be collected from the office. Please keep your ticket safe as any parents, carers, siblings, family members without a ticket will, unfortunately, not be able to join us on this occasion. Children can be taken home after Mass, around 2.45pm, and even if you do not attend, you can collect your children at this time. We will inform you by text when Mass has finished. If there are any spares, we will send out a text on Tuesday and families can have a second ticket.

House Team Success

Congratulations to St John Fisher house for winning this term's houseball competition.

St Anne Line (Red) 170 St Margaret Clitherow (Blue) 181

St Thomas More (Green) 175 St John Fisher (Yellow) 183

All children who are in St John Fisher house are invited to wear their own clothes on Monday 18th with a splash of yellow to celebrate their team.

Head Teacher Awards

Well done to all the children recognised for their achievements this week.

Ben (St Francis) ~ for overcoming 'stage fright' to perform confidently in the Nativity

Corey & Natalia (St Therese) ~ for outstanding enthusiasm and understanding R.E.

Hannah (St Elizabeth) ~ for outstanding understanding and independence in Maths

Leandro (St Bernadette) ~ for his great concentration and enthusiastic singing, leading up to and during the Christmas carol concert

Lyric (St Joseph) ~ for being an excellent learner; hardworking and enthusiastic. She is a very kind friend too.

Chantelle (St Anthony) ~ for approaching year 5 with outstanding effort and focus. She always tries her best and does this with her infectious smile. Keep up the amazing work!

Haydn (St Peter) ~ for demonstrating outstanding logic and perseverance with the maths puzzle challenges this week. Well done!

Birthdays

Congratulations to **Harry L.** (St Elizabeth) **Lyric & Charlie** (St Joseph) and **Adele** (St Anthony) who celebrated their birthdays this week.



Bronze reading Awards

Congratulations to the children who have earned their bronze reading certificates this week:

Oliver, Stanislaw & Jacob (St Francis)

Florence (St Therese)

Elicia & Chloe (St Elizabeth),

Stanley, Zofia & Grace (St Bernadette)

Chantelle (St Anthony) & Rose (St Peter)

Times tables challenge

This week Mr Sims handed out certificates to the children who were awarded their bronze, silver and gold award. For their bronze award congratulations to:

Isis & Ocean (St Elizabeth)

Charlotte & Jason (St Bernadette)

Charlie, Amelie, Xavier & Richard (St Joseph)

Riley, Samuel, Alice, Harley, Henry & Charlotte (St Anthony)

...and for their silver award, congratulations to

Keavy & Zofia (St Bernadette)

Emily, Lily-Grace & Lucy (St Joseph)

Maddie, Murphy, Chantelle, Grace, Orla & Ewan (St Anthony)

Lily, Brian, Daisy, Ben R. & India (St Peter)

...and our first gold award winners! Congratulations to

Eliana, Nadia & Eden (St Joseph)

Frankie, Florence, Aidan, Oliver By., Adam & Michael (St Anthony)

Maisie, Markus, Isabel, Gabriel, George, Andrew, Grace, Laurence, Callum, Alex, Oliver & Rose (St Peter)

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 1 who had 100% attendance this week.

Christmas Lunch & Jumpers!



On Tuesday 19th December, we are having our School Christmas Lunch when all the children can come in with their own special packed lunch that day.

We will also be supporting Christmas Jumper Day on that day. If your child is coming to school in their best knitwear, they do not have to wear uniform

trousers or skirts. We are asking for a donation for taking part and hope to raise a good amount to send off to the charity.



Friends of St George's

The PTA 100 club, which gives anyone, friends or family, over the age of 16 a chance to win in our quarterly draws: March, June, September and December, will continue to run during 2018. Anyone can join – friends, family and work colleagues, so please ask if you need more forms. If we sell 100 numbers, the prize break-down is as follows:

1st Number drawn £50

2nd Number drawn £30

3rd Number drawn £20

With a superdraw in December (just in time for Christmas!)

The form is at the end of this newsletter and we will be asking for payment by the end of January. All forms and money to the office please.

Uniform

This term, the governors and I reviewed the uniform policy. Whilst there are no major changes, it is always good to remind parents of the high expectation we have of uniform. Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school and is practical and smart. It enables all children to feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and is not distracting in class and has been considered with health and safety in mind. Uniform prevents children coming into school with fashion labels that could prove expensive for parents and socially divisive. We will always aim to choose items that are regarded suitable and good value for money.

Winter Uniform

Boys	Girls
Grey trousers/shorts (as appropriate)	Plain grey pinafore/skirt or grey tailored trousers
White shirt ~ excluding Reception who wear school polo shirts	White shirt ~ excluding Reception who will continue to wear their polo shirt
Grey socks	White socks or navy tights ~ not NAVY socks
Black shoes only Black Kicker hi top shoes are acceptable. If in doubt contact the school for advice.	Black shoes only ~ no heels or open toe shoes Black Kicker hi top shoes are acceptable. If in doubt contact the school for advice.
<u>School</u> pullover*	<u>School</u> pullover or cardigan *
Yr 1 - 6 School tie (elasticated in Yr 1 & 2)*	Yr 1 - 6 School tie (elasticated in Year 1 & 2)*
School reversible fleece jacket* or a plain waterproof outdoor coat (with hood)	School reversible fleece jacket* or a plain waterproof outdoor coat (with hood)

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear any jewellery in our school.

- No earrings ~ If a child wishes to have his/her ear(s) pierced, we ask that this be carried out at the beginning of the summer holiday, so that the healing process (4-6 weeks) is complete by the time school starts again in September and the ear stud can be removed.
- Children may wear a plain, inexpensive watch, but if it is designed for games or making disruptive noises it will be removed and sent home.

Hair and make-up

The school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts or colouring that could serve as a distraction to other children. Short hair should be uniform in length, across the head, with no parts left significantly longer than others. **Hair bands, clips etc should be discreet designs in red, white, navy or black** and only used in order to keep hair in place. Girls and boys with longer hair (shoulder length) must tie back/put up their hair, so that it does not cause an unnecessary distraction. Children should not wear any fixatives, hair gel/spray etc in their hair.

No make up or nail varnish may be worn during the school day. Similarly, temporary transfers or fake 'tattoos' are not appropriate and should be washed off.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. Shoes made of breathable material such as leather are preferred and totally plastic shoes (such as jelly shoes) are not acceptable. We do not allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. Boots above the ankle are also inappropriate footwear for school. Shoes which incorporate flashing lights or similar distracting gimmicks in their design are not appropriate for schoolwear. Black Kicker hi top shoes with black soles and black laces are acceptable. If in doubt contact the school for advice. Winter boots/ wellington boots may be worn to and from school during bad weather, but shoes must be brought to school and worn during the school day.

Cheerleading

Last Saturday, Daisy (St Peter) took part in a cheerleading competition and her team came 4th, a fantastic achievement. Well done!

Relish Infant Lunches

All repeat relish lunch orders for this year have now been deleted. Orders for week commencing Monday 8th January **MUST** be placed before **12 noon Thursday 4th January**. It's a good idea to order half termly or for the whole term as you can go in at any point and change your order. We always use the most recent one.

RAINBOWS

If your child is struggling through a painful experience, and you would like any further information on how we could support them, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Davenport, Mrs Delgado or your child's class teacher.



Prayers



Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time.

Have a lovely weekend,

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado

Friends of St George's 100 Club

Please complete the information below in BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS:

Members Name:

Contact Phone Number:

Please allocate me with (insert how many numbers you want) @ £10 per year, per number.

I would like to select number/s

- I understand I will not get my first choice if it has been allocated previously.
- I will be offered further choices of available numbers.
- I understand that I will receive a cheque if I am a winner
- I am over 16 years of age.

Total payment = £ (Cheques should be made payable to Friends of St Georges School)

Signature: